

to work together to address their top priority, which is creating jobs and strengthening middle class families, not imposing new restrictions to legal health services and screenings and eliminating critical programs. Eliminating Title X funding does not create jobs or help our economy. In fact, family planning programs like Title X save money because every \$1 spent on family planning results in a \$4 savings to Medicaid. House Republicans proposal to eliminate Title X Family Planning goes too far and is bad policy, bad politics, and is flat out immoral. I ask that my colleagues join me in opposing cuts to Title X Family Planning Program.

CHARLES ELLIOTT TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great satisfaction to rise and pay tribute to a man whose youthful spirit and exuberance proves that age is just a number. Charles Elliott, of the San Luis Valley, will be inducted into the 2011 class of the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Mr. Elliot began skiing in the early 1930s on a pair of homemade wooden skis he and a friend took to Wolf Creek Pass. From the mid 1930s to the mid 1940s Charles Elliot was a major catalyst and pioneer in the rapid growth of skiing in southwestern Colorado. After serving his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a weatherman from 1942–1946, Mr. Elliot returned to skiing in the State he loves, and restarted Wolf Creek Pass skiing operations which had been shut down due to World War II. Charles Elliot then served as ski patrolman and performed that duty so well that he was given the lifetime badge from the National Ski Patrol. The 98-year-old is now the ranking member of the Grey Wolf Ski Club. Charles Elliot has now been skiing for over 75 years, and at the age of 93, he recorded over 50 days on the slopes. Mr. Elliot's passion for skiing is only matched by his dedication to cultivate the continued growth of his sport.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize Mr. Charles Elliot on his induction into the 2011 class of the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEST BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVING A NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the West Bloomfield Township Library as it is honored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services with a National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

This medal, which was presented to just five libraries nationally in 2010, recognizes the exceptional contributions the West Bloomfield Public Library has made to its surrounding

communities. Founded in 1934 as a project of the Keego-Cass Women's Club, the Library's main branch has expanded into a 63,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility with computer access for community residents and public meeting spaces, in addition to an expanded youth area which has allowed the Library to strengthen the depth and breadth of its youth-focused programming.

The National Medal recognized libraries that demonstrate innovative approaches to providing their services to the public, and whose programming focuses on expanding cross-cultural awareness and dialogue. Particularly recognized were two of the Library's programs, the "Grow Up Reading" program and the "Help is Here" initiative. Focused on youth, the "Grow Up Reading" promotes parental involvement in childhood development through development reading skills from birth through third grade, helping children build good fundamental reading comprehension and critical thinking skills. On the adult end of the Library's programming spectrum, the "Help is Here" initiative brings counselors from Oakland Community College and professionals from Jewish Vocational Services together to provide resume critiquing services to community members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the outstanding service the West Bloomfield Public Library provides to its community and congratulating the Library staff on receiving the National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL NATHAN B. CARSE

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a brave Ohio soldier, Corporal Nathan B. Carse, who on February 8 was killed in action near Kandahar Province in Afghanistan.

Nathan was the pride of Allen East High School in Lima, Ohio. He earned degrees from Louisiana State University and Capital University, where he was a standout linebacker for the Capital Crusaders.

Serving a critical role in post-Katrina New Orleans, Nathan left his career in engineering and volunteered to serve his country, entering active military duty in February 2010. He deployed to Afghanistan with the 2nd Engineer Battalion, 176th Engineer Brigade in September 2010.

Nathan is survived by a loving family, including his mom, Janis; his sisters, Kristin and Megan; and four dear nephews.

Those who knew Nathan best described him as a happy, generous, hardworking man whose optimistic attitude brought a smile to people's faces and had a positive impact on their lives.

He courageously served in defense of his family, his community, his state, and his nation. Every American family lives under the blanket of safety he helped provide. For this, our nation owes him and his family a great debt of gratitude.

Nathan will be deeply missed. But the strength of his character, and the courage he demonstrated through his service, will live on.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise today to oppose the amendment offered by my colleague from Indiana, Mr. PENCE to H.R. 1, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

Mr. PENCE's amendment would deny any federal funding to Planned Parenthood health facilities throughout the country. As a supporter of Planned Parenthood and the services that it offers to my constituents in my central New Jersey district, I firmly oppose this purely political amendment.

This should not be a pro-life or pro-choice debate about one of the many services that Planned Parenthood provides. In fact, under current law no federal funds can be used for abortion services. Less than three percent of the services provided by Planned Parenthood are abortion related. The Pence amendment is in fact a fundamental attack on our nation's oldest and most respected reproductive healthcare provider, the over 5 million men and women that visit Planned Parenthood annually, and the one in five American women who will visit a Planned Parenthood center in their lifetime.

Disqualifying Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds would disproportionately affect health-care services that prevent unintended pregnancy and reduce the need for abortion. The vast majority of Planned Parenthood's medical services are related to contraception, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections; cancer screening, and other services like pregnancy tests and infertility treatment. Despite any claims to the contrary, the Pence amendment is clearly a direct attack on prevention services, and would increase the number of unwanted pregnancies.

More than 90 percent of the care that Planned Parenthood health centers provide every day is primary and preventive, including wellness exams, cancer screenings, immunizations, contraception and STD testing and treatment. For many women, the only doctor or nurse they see is one they visit at a women's health center. In fact, more than 6 in 10 patients who receive care at a women's health center like Planned Parenthood consider it their primary source of health care.

The 28 Planned Parenthood health centers in New Jersey serve over 90,000 patients per year for a wide range of primary and reproductive health services. In 2009 alone, these centers performed almost 45 thousand cervical screening tests that detected over 2 thousand abnormal results and 27 thousand breast exams that detected over 800 abnormal results. Taking away funds from Planned Parenthood would deny women life saving medical testing, increase unwanted pregnancies, and deny primary care services to millions of women throughout the country.